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5 April 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On Friday afternoon, 2 April, at my request, I met with the Honorable Robert Murphy to discuss submission of CIA nominations for the Rockefeller Foundation Public Service Awards. I explained to Mr. Murphy that for the past several years we had submitted the names of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Helms with the understanding that Mr. Kirkpatrick would be considered under the Management-Executive category and that Mr. Helms would be considered under the International Relations-Foreign Affairs category. I told him that while we had been unsuccessful in gaining a position, we had in each instance been informed by the Secretary, Mr. van de Velde, that our candidates had stood very high and that we should resubmit them for the following year. I told him that in 1964, after Mr. Kirkpatrick had won the President's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service, I had withdrawn his name and asked that the Selection Committee concentrate entirely on Mr. Helms, but that Mr. Helms was still not selected. Mr. Murphy made it quite clear that there was no connection between the two and that we could submit as many nominations as we wished -- they were not in any way competitive and each was considered on its own merits regardless of agency or other nominations from such agency. Mr. Murphy suggested that it would be perfectly appropriate to resubmit both nominees as we had done previously.

2. I then explained the problem of fully putting forward the various contributions that Mr. Helms had made to foreign affairs and international relations because of the covert and clandestine nature of CIA activities in this field and because of the anonymity within which the Clandestine Services operated.

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Since as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board he is thoroughly witting of Agency activities, I asked his assistance in explaining to the members of the Selection Committee, within his judgments of the limits of security, the activities in which Mr. Helms and his Plans Directorate engaged. I then enumerated the various activities and successes attained as contained in Mr. Karamessines' memorandum of 29 March to me (attached). Mr. Murphy assured me that he would be happy to discuss this matter in detail at the next meeting of the Selection Committee and would make sure that the members of the Committee had a clear understanding of just why we were nominating Mr. Helms and of his activities over the years.

3. ACTION

DD/S: I would like to resubmit both Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Helms for the Rockefeller Foundation Public Service Award for 1965. Please take appropriate action accordingly.

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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29 March 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

SUBJECT: Highlights of Clandestine Services
Activities

1. I submit the attached quickly prepared rundown of highlights of Clandestine Services activities as requested by Mr. Knoche. Although I originally planned to simply list four or five items and expand on each, I do believe that, with your background knowledge of our operations and activities, it would be more useful to you to give you a longer list of items which you can use orally in your discussion with Mr. Murphy, enlarging on specific items as you deem useful and appropriate.

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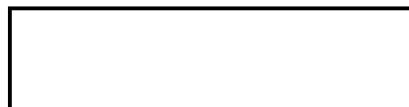
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3. For your ready information the current strength of the Clandestine Services is [] This is [] employees less than it was a short 18 months ago in spite of the fact that the work we are doing has been increasing steadily.

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4. If there is anything further I can provide that might be of use to you please let me know.

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Thomas H. Karamessines
Assistant Deputy Director for Plans

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

Pursuant to our earlier conversation, I attach the papers which we propose to submit in support of our nomination of Dick Helms and Lyman Kirkpatrick for the Rockefeller Public Service Award.

You will recall that Kirk discussed this with Mr. van de Velde, Secretary of the Selection Committee, when he was at Princeton recently and that it was agreed that it would be appropriate for someone in the Agency to supplement the attached unclassified material by briefing Bob Murphy who is a member of the Selection Committee, as well as of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board which entitles him to all the necessary clearances. Mr. Murphy would then be able to make a better judgment as to how our people stack up with the other nominees and presumably could influence the Committee.

Mr. van de Velde has contacted Mr. Murphy who has indicated his willingness to do this if the Agency so desired. As you know, Mr. Murphy will be in town on 1 and 2 April for the PFIAB meeting.

I understand that Tom Karamessines has furnished you some additional classified information in support of Dick Helms' nomination. I assume that you are sufficiently familiar with Kirk's performance that no such additional information will be needed in his case.

I should appreciate your returning these papers to us as soon as they have served their purpose so that we may forward them to the Selection Committee.

/s/
L. K. White

Attachment

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